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- 1. The Soviet military airfield Gross and lais situated in the Schorfheide area (Brandenburg). The airfield is in operation. The construction of the two runways, one going from north to south, the other from east to west, is finished, likewise the secondary runways (Nebenbahnen) and the roads (Tankstrassen) leading to the underground fuel depot.
- 2. The runways have a concrete cover of 54 cm thickness. They are about 7 km long and 15 m wide. To the left and to the right of each runway sand roads (Sandbahnen) were built which are 15 m wide.
- 3. 32 two-engined jet aircraft, heavily guarded, and one biplane, a very old model, are stationed at the eastern end of the east-west runway. Next to each jet aircraft there are about 12 boxes piled up (approximate size: 1.50 m x 0.30 m x 0.30 m) probably containing bombs or rocket ammunition (Raketengeschosse). At the western end of this runway an ammunition depot is located in a wood. Bombs are unloaded there continuously at night. Security regulations are so strict that not even the VEM (sic) guards are permitted to enter this spot at night.
- 4. On June 5, 1955, a Saturday (sic), take-off and landing training flights were made. Three fighter planes circled around at that time and watched these training flights from a very high altitude. On the same day, two two-engined propeller-driven airplanes landed at the airport and stayed there for three hours.
- 5. The aircraft are covered with tarpaulins (Zeltbahnen). Sentries equipped with automatic pistols stand guard.
- 6. About 1,000 Russians are stationed there. They are housed in four permanent barracks which are three-storied stone buildings. There are 20 rooms on each floor. The wives of some officers are also accommodated there.

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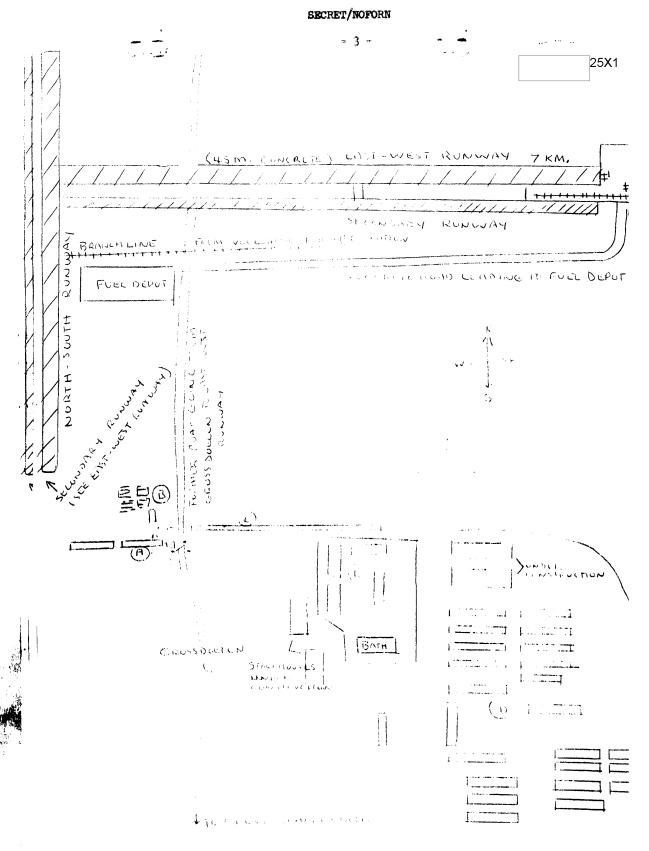
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- 7. Construction matters are handled by the Russians who are extremely careful and particular in this respect. Five-year quarantees must be given for each section of the construction work.
- 8. All construction plans are worked out in Russian and have to be translated. Passes (with photographs) for the construction workers who number about 1,000 are made out in Russian and German.
- 9. On 3 June 1955 a Russian military detachment, equipped with six antiaircraft guns, ammunition and their full military gear arrived there by freight train. The soldiers are now stationed in the woods next to the barracks.
- 10. The airfield site is out of the way of the main traffic net. Main road #109 from Berlin to Pasewalk (Pomerania) passes the airport at a distance of two kilometers. Kilometerstone #62 of this main road has the following sign: Ingenieurtiefbau Brandenburg, Baustelle Gross Trombergound construction work Brandenburg, Construction site Gross From here a concrete road branches off in western direction to the airport.
- 11. The railway station, located nearest the airport, is Gross Schoenebeck which is 12 kilometers distant from the construction site.

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- A Wooden barracks buildings for management
- B Parking place for motor vehicles
- C Concrete road
- D Barracks
- E Permanent barracks (stonehouses) NOFORN

